

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

133. (Currently Amended) A method of generating one or more database systems, the method comprising:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the metadata schema;

receiving instructions including semantic definitions from a user, wherein the instructions including semantic definitions are entered into the metadata schema and are used to create a business database system; and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic definitions of ~~according to~~ the instructions contained in the metadata schema such that the business database system is well-formed;

~~extracting data from sources specified in the instructions;~~

~~loading the data into staging tables; and~~

~~loading the data from the staging tables into the business database system based on semantic definitions provided in the instructions.~~

134. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, wherein automatically generating the business database system further comprises:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

135. (Cancelled)

136. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, further comprising:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

137. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, wherein operating on the business database system further comprises:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

138. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, wherein operating on the business database system further comprises:

generating reports according to the instructions.

139. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, further comprising:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and
automatically adjusting the business database system according to the
modification.

140. (Currently Amended) A method of generating one or more database systems, the method comprising:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for
entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the
metadata schema;

receiving instructions containing semantic definitions ~~from a user, wherein the~~
~~instructions are entered into~~ for the metadata schema; ~~and are used to create a business~~
~~database system;~~ and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic
definitions ~~according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema~~ such that the
business database system is well-formed;

~~wherein the instructions provide semantic definitions; and~~

~~wherein the business database system is automatically generated using the
semantic definitions such that the business database system is well-formed.~~

141. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a computer including a processor and a memory;

a computer program stored in the memory and executed by the processor,

wherein the computer program includes computer instructions for:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for
entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the
metadata schema;

receiving instructions including semantic definitions from a user, wherein the
instructions including semantic definitions are entered into the metadata schema and are
used to create a business database system; and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic
definitions of ~~according to~~ the instructions contained in the metadata schema such that
the business database system is well-formed;

~~extracting data from sources specified in the instructions;~~

~~loading the data into staging tables; and~~

~~loading the data from the staging tables into the business database system based
on semantic definitions provided in the instructions.~~

142. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer
program further includes computer instructions for:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

143. (Cancelled)

144. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

145. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

146. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

generating reports according to the instructions.

147. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and
automatically adjusting the business database system according to the
modification.

148. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a computer including a processor and a memory;
a computer program stored in the memory and executed by the processor, wherein
the computer program includes computer instructions for:
providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for
entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the
metadata schema;

receiving instructions containing semantic definitions ~~from a user, wherein the instructions are entered into~~ for the metadata schema; ~~and are used to create a business database system;~~ and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic definitions ~~according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema~~ such that the business database system is well-formed;

~~wherein the instructions provide semantic definitions; and~~

~~wherein the business database system is automatically generated using the semantic definitions such that the business database system is well-formed.~~

149. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium encoded with software instructions, wherein execution of the instructions comprises:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the metadata schema;

receiving instructions including semantic definitions from a user, wherein the instructions including semantic definitions are entered into the metadata schema and are used to create a business database system; and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic definitions of ~~according to~~ the instructions contained in the metadata schema such that the business database system is well-formed;

~~extracting data from sources specified in the instructions;~~

~~loading the data into staging tables; and~~

~~loading the data from the staging tables into the business database system based
on semantic definitions provided in the instructions.~~

150. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

151. (Cancelled)

152. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

153. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

154. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

generating reports according to the instructions.

155. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and
automatically adjusting the business database system according to the
modification.

156. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium encoded with software instructions, wherein execution of the instructions comprises:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the metadata schema;

receiving instructions containing semantic definitions ~~from a user, wherein the instructions are entered into~~ for the metadata schema; ~~and are used to create a business database system;~~ and

automatically generating the business database system using the semantic definitions ~~according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema~~ such that the business database system is well-formed;

~~wherein the instructions provide semantic definitions; and~~

~~wherein the business database system is automatically generated using the semantic definitions such that the business database system is well formed.~~

157. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, further comprising loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

158. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 157, further comprising operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

159. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 141, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

160. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 159, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

161. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 149, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

162. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 161, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

163. (Currently Amended) A method of automatically generating a business database system, the method comprising:

providing a metadata schema;

entering ~~user~~ instructions having semantic definitions into the metadata schema;

and

automatically generating the business a well-formed database system using the semantic definitions, whereby the business database system is well-formed. according to the instructions entered into the metadata schema;

~~extracting data from sources specified in the instructions;~~

~~loading the data into staging tables; and~~

~~loading the data from the staging tables into the business database system based on semantic definitions provided in the instructions.~~

164. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 163, further comprising loading data into the automatically-generated business database system according to the ~~user~~ instructions entered into the metadata schema.

165. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 164, further comprising operating ~~on~~ the business database system according to the ~~user~~ instructions entered into the metadata schema.

166. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~automatically~~ generating a ~~business~~ database system, the method comprising:

~~providing a metadata schema;~~

~~receiving entering user instructions having semantic definitions into the metadata schema; and~~

~~automatically generating a well-formed database system using the semantic definitions according to the instructions entered into the metadata schema;~~

~~wherein the instructions provide semantic definitions; and~~

~~wherein the business database system is automatically generated using the semantic definitions such that the business database system is well-formed.~~

167. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 166, further comprising loading data into the ~~automatically-generated~~ business database system according to the ~~user instructions~~, entered into the metadata schema.

168. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 167, further comprising operating ~~on~~ the business database system according to the ~~user instructions~~, entered into the metadata schema.

169. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, wherein automatically generating the business database system further comprises:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

170. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, further comprising:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

171. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, wherein operating on the business database system further comprises:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

172. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, wherein operating on the business database system further comprises:

generating reports according to the instructions.

173. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, further comprising:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and

automatically adjusting the business database system according to the
modification.

174. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 140, further comprising loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

175. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 174, further comprising operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

176. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

177. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

178. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

179. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

generating reports according to the instructions.

180. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and

automatically adjusting the business database system according to the modification.

181. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 148, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

182. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 181, wherein the computer program further includes computer instructions for:

operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

183. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

automatically generating tables according to the instructions.

184. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

building aggregate tables according to the instructions.

185. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

receiving further instructions from a user to define a query mechanism; and
generating queries according to the further instructions.

186. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

generating reports according to the instructions.

187. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises:

receiving a modification of the metadata schema; and
automatically adjusting the business database system according to the
modification.

188. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 156, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises loading data into the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.

189. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 188, wherein execution of the instructions further comprises operating on the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema.